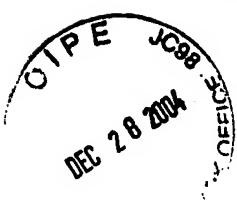


Docket No.: 50063-063

PATENT



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Atsushi IMAMURA, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 3167
Application No.: 10/077,962	:	Group Art Unit: 2621
Filed: February 20, 2002	:	Examiner: Amir Alavi
For: REGION SEGMENTATION OF COLOR IMAGE	:	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of December 9, 2004 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1 through 21) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

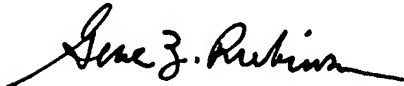
To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including

10/077,962

extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

McDERMOTT WILL & EMERY LLP



Gene Z. Robinson
Registration No. 33,351

600 13th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005-3096
Phone: 202.756.8000 GZR:lnm
Facsimile: 202.756.8087
Date: December 28, 2004

**Please recognize our Customer No. 20277
as our correspondence address.**

WDC99 1022817-1.050063.0063